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Available Prayers

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*It contains a wide variety of religious, military, and contemporary poems. If you have a particular poem or verse that you would like included, but do not see it in this booklet, please feel free to let your funeral director know and we will be happy to accommodate you.*

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## 1 Corinthians 2:9

“No eye has seen, nor ear has heard,  
and no mind has imagined  
the things that God has prepared  
for those who love Him.”

## A Little Prayer for You

When you're alone with Jesus  
And He sweetly smiles on thee,  
Will you gently whisper to Him,  
A little prayer for me?  
And when I'm alone with Jesus,  
And all else is hid from view,  
I'll gently drop into His Heart  
A little prayer for you.

## Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me  
To be a happy one. I'd like  
To leave an Afterglow of  
Smiles when day is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo...  
Whispering softly down the  
Ways of happy times and  
Laughing times and bright  
And sunny days. I'd like  
The tears of those who  
Grieve to dry before the  
Sun of happy memories  
That I leave behind when  
Day is done.

## Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see  
Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
Oh how precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed  
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see  
Shall I be wafted to the skies  
On flowery beds of ease  
While others strive to win the prize  
And sail on bloody seas  
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now am found  
Was blind but now I see.



## Angels into Paradise (long)

May the angels lead you into Paradise, may the  
Martyrs receive you at your coming, and take you to  
Jerusalem, the holy city. May the choirs of the  
Angels receive you, and may you with the once poor  
Lazarus, have rest everlasting.

Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph! Assist me in my last agony.  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph! May I breath forth my soul  
in peace with you. Jesus, Mary and Joseph! I give  
you my heart and soul.

## Angels into Paradise (short)

May the angels lead you into Paradise, may the  
Martyrs receive you at your coming, and take you to  
Jerusalem, the holy city. May the choirs of the  
Angels receive you, and may you with the once poor  
Lazarus, have rest everlasting. Amen

(Roman Ritual)

May the Souls of all the faithful departed, through  
the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## Appointed Time

There is an appointed time  
for everything, and a time  
for every affair under the heavens.  
A time to be born and a time to die.  
A time to plant and a time to uproot.  
A time to weep and a time to laugh.  
A time to be silent and a time to speak.  
There is nothing better than to be glad  
and to do well during life.

## As you walk down

As you walk down the fairway of life ...  
You must stop and smell the roses,  
For you only get to play one round.

## Ascension

Ascension, and if I go, while you're still here  
Know that I live on,  
Vibrating to a different  
Measure behind a thin  
Veil you cannot see  
Through. You will not see  
Me, so you must have  
Faith. I wait for the time  
When we can soar  
Together again,  
Both aware of each  
Other. Until then, live your  
Life to it's fullest. And  
When you need me, just  
Whisper my name in  
Your heart, I will be there.

## Baby - Protestant

God on His throne in heaven  
Looked round at His flowers so fair  
And then sought a blossom on earth  
To add to those He had there  
To be part of such heavenly Company  
The bloom must be pure and sweet  
And the little bud that was chosen  
Was the child who had played at our feet.  
Sorrow is great at the loss of our child  
At the parting with one we love  
But the parting was made  
that our child might go  
To brighten the heavens above.

## Be Kind

Be the loving expression  
Of God's kindness;  
Kindness in your eyes,  
Kindness in your face,  
Kindness in your smile,  
Kindness in your warm greetings.  
We are all but His instruments  
Who do our little bit and pass by.  
I believe that the way in which  
An act of kindness is done,  
Is as important as the action itself.  
~ Mother Theresa

## Because He Lives

Because He lives I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future.  
And life is worth the living just  
because He lives.

## Beyond the Sunset

Beyond the sunset, o blissful morning, when with  
our Savior heav'n is begun. Earth's toiling ended, O  
glorious dawning;  
beyond the sunset, when the day is done.  
Beyond the sunset no clouds will gather, no storms  
will threaten, no fears annoy: O day of gladness, O  
day unending,  
beyond the sunset, eternal joy!  
Beyond the sunset a hand will guide me to God, the  
Father, whom I adore: His glorious presence, His  
words of welcome, will be my portion on that fair  
shore. Beyond the sunset, o glad reunion, with our  
dear loved ones who've gone before; in that fair  
homeland we'll know no parting, beyond the sunset  
forever more!

## Blessed Sacrament

O Gentlest Heart of Jesus ever present in the  
Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning  
love for the poor captive souls in purgatory have  
mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant.  
Be not severe in Thy Judgment but let some drops  
of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring  
flames and do Thou O merciful Saviors send Thy  
angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place  
of refreshment, light, and peace. Amen

## Blessing the Lives of Others

Blessing the lives of others, In beauty and in grace;  
Those who saw her knew that God Had kissed her  
tiny face. Our baby left us with a memory,  
For all the world to see, She gave herself so others  
know Just how precious life can be.

## Cancer

Cancer is so limited...  
It cannot cripple love,  
It cannot corrode faith,  
It cannot eat away peace,  
It cannot destroy confidence,  
It cannot kill friendship,  
It cannot shut out memories,  
It cannot silence courage,  
It cannot invade the soul,  
It cannot reduce eternal life,  
It cannot quench the Spirit,  
It cannot lessen the power  
Of the Resurrection.

## Cardinal Newman Prayer

May God protect you all the  
day long till the shadows  
lengthen and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over and your  
work is done. Then in His mercy  
may He grant you a safe lodging,  
and a holy rest and peace at last  
-Amen

## Childhood Needlepoint

A great gray elephant  
A little yellow bee  
A tiny purple violet  
A tall green tree  
A red and white sailboat  
On a blue sea  
All these things  
You gave to me  
When you made  
My eyes to see  
Thank you God  
"Oh It's So Breathtaking"  
Life is not measured  
By the number of breaths we take  
But by the moments  
That take our breath away

## Come To Me

God saw you were getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So he put his arms around you  
And whispered, "Come to me."  
With tearful eyes we watched you,  
And saw you pass away.  
Although we loved you dearly,  
We could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands at rest.  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.

## Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar  
When I put out to sea  
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound or foam,  
When that which drew from out the  
boundless deep Turns again home.  
Twilight and evening bell, And after that the dark!  
And may there be so sadness of farewell

When I embark For though from out our bourne of  
time and place. The flood may bear me far  
I hope to see my pilot face to face When I have  
crossed the bar -Alfred Tennyson



## Do Not Stand

Do not stand at my grave and weep.  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am the diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the mornings hush,  
I am the swift, uplifting rush  
of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry.  
I am not there, I did not die.

## Don't Think of Her as Gone Away

Don't think of her as gone away -  
her journey's just begun,  
Life holds so many facets this  
earth is only one.  
Just think of her as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.  
Think how she must be wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.  
And think of her as living  
in the hearts of those she touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost and  
she was loved so much.  
~ Ellen Brenneman

## Ecclesiastes

For everything there is a season  
and a time for every matter under heaven:  
A time to be born, and a time to die;  
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up  
what is planted;





A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
A time to break down, and a time to build up;  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
A time to cast away stones, and a time  
to gather stones together;  
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain  
from embracing;  
A time to seek, and a time to lose,  
A time to keep, and a time to cast away;  
A time to rend, and a time to sew;  
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
A time to love, and a time to hate,  
A time for war, and a time for peace.

### **End of Day**

The best part of my day  
Is the very end don't you see?  
It's the time that I save  
Just for my Savior and me.  
It's a time to embrace Him.  
Thank Him for the sacrifice made.  
To thank Him for the benefit just for loving Him,  
To thank Him for forgiveness,  
Which in His wisdom He forgets.  
He has promised healing but  
we don't know when.  
So I wait on Christ to have  
that perfect day again.  
Until then I'll be still and know that He is God.  
And what a perfect thought to end on,  
At the ending of my day.

### **Faithful Departed**

O, God, The Creator and Redeemer  
Of All the Faithful, Grant to the Souls  
Of Thy Servants departed The remission of all their  
sins; That through pious supplications  
They may obtain the pardon Which they have  
always desired Who livest and reignest World  
without end. Amen

### **Fireman's Prayer**

When I am called to duty, God,  
Whenever flames may rage,  
Give me strength to save some life,

Whatever be its age.  
Help me embrace a little child  
before it is too late,  
Or save an older person  
From the horror of that fate.  
Enable me to be alert  
and hear the weakest shout,  
and quickly and efficiently,  
to put the fire out.  
I want to fill my calling,  
And to give the best in me,  
To guard my every neighbor  
and protect his property.  
And if, according to my fate,  
I am to lose my life,  
Please bless with Your protecting hand  
My family, friends and spouse.

### **Fisherman's Prayer**

God grant that I may live to fish  
For another shining day,  
But when my final cast is made  
I then most humbly pray,  
When nestled in your landing net  
As I lay peacefully asleep,  
You'll smile at me and judge  
That I'm "good enough to keep."

### **Footprints**

One night a man had a dream. In it he was walking  
along a beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed  
scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two  
sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to him,  
and the other to the Lord. When the final scene of  
his life flashed before him, he looked back, at the  
footprints in the sand.  
He noticed many times along the path of his life  
there was only one set of footprints, and realized  
that they came at the hardest and saddest times of  
his life. Bothered about this; he questioned the Lord  
saying, "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow  
you, you'd walk with me all the way.  
But I have noticed that during the most  
burdensome times in my life, there is only one set  
of footprints.  
I don't understand why that when I needed you the  
most you would leave me."  
The Lord replied, "My dear child, I love you and I  
would never leave you. During your times of trial  
and suffering, when you see only one set of  
footprints, it was then that I carried you."  
Author Unknown



## Friend of Mine

Take my hand and walk with me  
Across the sands of time.  
Hand in hand and heart to heart  
Together, friend of mine.  
We will share the solitude  
And walk in quiet peace  
For my heart hears what your heart says;  
It listens when yours speaks.  
The years have brought us to this place  
Across the sands of Time  
And we will walk here til the end  
Together, friend of mine.  
~ Allison Chambers Coxsey



## Garden of Promise

There is a place, I have been told,  
Beyond an open gate  
All have been invited  
Where friends and loved ones wait  
It holds eternal promise  
Of everlasting peace  
No pain or sorrow ever comes  
And teardrops there have ceased  
Abundant life is evident  
Constant, fresh and new  
A garden of provision  
With eternity in view  
The promise is awaiting  
A place we can abide  
Fulfilled for all who answer  
The call to come inside.

## Gentle Face

Your gentle face and patient smile,  
With sadness we recall,  
You had a kindly word for each  
And died beloved by all.  
The voice is mute and stilled the heart  
That love us well and true,

Ah, bitter was the trial to part  
From one so good as you.  
You are not forgotten loved one  
Nor will you ever be  
As long as life and memory last  
We will remember thee.  
We miss you now, our hearts are sore,  
As time goes by, we miss you more,  
Your loving smile, your gentle face,  
No one can take your vacant place.

## Glory Be

Glory Be  
Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end.  
Amen.

## God Saw You Were Getting Tired

God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be.  
So he put his arms around you and whispered  
"come to ME". With tearful eyes we watched you,  
and saw you pass away. Although we loved you  
dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart  
stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God  
broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the  
best.

## God's Garden

God looked around His garden,  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth,  
And saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you,  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew that you were in pain,  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered, "Peace be thine".  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.

## Guardian Angel

Guardian Angel From heaven so bright,  
Watching beside me To lead me aright,  
Fold thy wings round me,  
and guard me with love,  
Softly sing songs to me of heaven above.



## Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. Our Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the  
fruit of thy womb Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God Pray for us sinners,  
Now and at the hour of our death,  
Amen.

## Happy Prayer

I'd like the memory of me to be a Happy one  
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when day is  
done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering  
softly down the ways. Of happy times and laughing  
times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of  
those who grieve to dry before the sun, of happy  
memories that I leave when life is done.

## He is God

WHEN I FALL, HE LIFTS ME UP!  
WHEN I FAIL, HE FORGIVES!  
WHEN I AM WEAK, HE IS STRONG!  
WHEN I AM LOST, HE IS THE WAY!  
WHEN I AM AFRAID, HE IS MY COURAGE!  
WHEN I STUMBLE HE STEADIES ME!  
WHEN I AM HURT, HE HEALS ME!  
WHEN I AM BROKEN, HE MENDS ME!  
WHEN I AM BLIND, HE LEADS ME!  
WHEN I AM HUNGRY, HE FEEDS ME!  
WHEN I FACE TRIALS, HE IS WITH ME!  
WHEN I FACE PERSECUTION,  
HE SHIELDS ME!  
WHEN I FACE PROBLEMS, HE COMFORTS ME!  
WHEN I FACE LOSS, HE PROVIDES FOR ME!  
WHEN I FACE DEATH, HE CARRIES ME HOME!



## Hebrews 12:1-2

Since we have such a huge crowd  
watching us from heaven, let us run the  
race that God has set before us with  
perseverance...

Keep your eyes on Jesus, our coach and  
instructor. He was willing to die a shameful  
death on the cross because of the joy he  
knew would be his afterwards; and now he  
sits in the place of honor by the throne of God.

## High Flight

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed,  
and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds---and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of---wheeled  
and soared and swung high in the sunlit silence:  
Hov'ring there, I've chased the shouting wind along  
and flung My eager craft through footless halls of  
air. Up, the long delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the windswept heights  
with easy grace where never lark, or even eagle  
flew and, while with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.



## **His Journey's Just Begun**

Don't think of him as gone away -  
his journey's just begun,  
Life holds so many facets this  
earth is only one.  
Just think of him as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.  
Think how he must be wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.  
And think of him as living  
in the hearts of those he touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost and  
he was loved so much.

## **Hope is the thing with feathers**

Hope is the thing with feathers  
that perches in the soul,  
and sings the tune without the words,  
and never stops at all.

## **I Am Always With You**

When I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too  
many tears But be thankful we had so many good  
years. I gave you my love, and you can only guess  
How much you've given me in happiness.  
I thank you for the love that you have shown  
But now it is time I traveled on alone.  
So grieve for me awhile, if grieve you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
That it is only for a while that we must part  
So treasure the memories within your heart.  
I won't be far away for life goes on  
And if you need me, call and I will come.  
Though you can't see or touch me I will be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you soft and clear  
And then, when you come this way along  
I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home."

## **I Am Home in Heaven**

I am home in heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.  
All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in heaven at last.

There is work still waiting for you.  
So you must not idly stand;  
Do it now, while life remaineth -  
You shall rest in God's own land.  
When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you Home;  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting.  
Oh, the joy to see you come!

## **I Did Not Die**

Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow;  
I am the diamond glints on the snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain;  
I am the gentle autumn's rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft star that shines at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry.  
I am not there; I did not die.



## **I Said A Prayer for You Today**

I said a prayer for you today  
And know God must have heard-  
I felt the answer in my heart  
Although He spoke no word.  
I did not ask for wealth or fame,  
I knew you would not mind.  
I ask Him to send treasures  
Of a far more lasting kind.  
I ask that He'd be near you  
At the start of each new day,  
To grant you health and blessings  
And friends to share your way.  
I ask for happiness for you  
In all things great and small,  
But it was for his loving care  
I prayed the most of all.

## I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God has laid for me.  
I took His hand when I heard His call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found the peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys-  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh yes, these things I too, will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief-  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart, and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

## If You Could See Me Now

Our prayers have all been answered  
I finally arrived  
The healing that had been delayed  
Has now been realized  
No one's in a hurry  
There's no schedule to keep  
We're all enjoying Jesus  
Just sitting at His feet  
If you could see me now  
I'm walking streets of gold  
If you could see me now  
I'm standing tall and whole  
If you could see me now  
You'd know I'd seen His face  
If you could see me now  
You'd know the pain is erased  
You wouldn't want me  
To ever leave this place  
If you could see me now  
My light and temporary trials  
Have worked out for my good  
To know it brought Him Glory  
When I misunderstood

## Instrument of Your Peace

Lord make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.  
O, Divine Master, grant that I May not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to

understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and its in dying that we are born to eternal life.

## Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you  
May the wind be always at your back  
May the sun shine warm upon your face  
May the rains fall soft upon your fields  
And until we meet again  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

## Just A Closer Walk With Thee

I am weak, but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.  
Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.  
When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

## Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.  
John 14: 1-3

## Let Us Pray

Almighty God, through the death of your Son on the cross, you have overcome death for us. Through his burial and resurrection from the dead you have made the grave a holy place and restored to us eternal life. We pray for those who died believing in Jesus and are buried with him in the hope of rising again. God of the living and the dead, may those who faithfully believed in you on earth praise you forever in the joy of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



## Life Prayer

The life of those who are faithful to thee, Lord, is but changed, not ended.

## Little Angels

When God calls little children  
to dwell with Him above.  
We mortals sometime question  
the wisdom of His love.  
For no heartache companies with  
the death of one small child  
Who does so much to make our world  
seem wonderful and mild.  
Perhaps God time of calling  
the aged to His fold,  
So He picks a rosebud  
before it can grow old.  
God knows how much we need them,  
and so He takes but few  
To make the land of Heaven  
more beautiful to view.  
Believing this is difficult  
still somehow we must try.  
The saddest word mankind knows  
will always be "Goodbye,"  
So when a little child departs,  
we who are left behind  
Must realize God loves children.  
Angels are hard to find.

## Lord's Prayer (LONG)

Our Father, Who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.

## Lord's Prayer (Short)

Our Father, Who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## Lovely Lady

Lovely lady dressed in blue –  
Teach me how to pray!



God was just your little Boy,  
Tell me what to say!  
Did you lift Him up, sometimes,  
Gently on your knee?  
Did you sing to Him the way  
Mother does to me?  
Did you hold His hand at night?  
Did you ever try  
Telling stories of the world?  
O! And did He cry?  
Do you really think He cares  
If I tell Him things –  
Little things that happen? And Do the Angels' wings  
Make a noise? And can He hear me if I speak low?  
Does He understand me now?  
Tell me – for you know!  
Lovely lady dressed in blue,  
Teach me how to pray!  
God was just your little Boy,  
And you know the way.

## Man in the Arena

"The credit belongs to the man  
who is actually in the arena,  
whose face is marred with sweat  
and dust and blood; who strives valiantly;  
who errs and comes short again and again;  
who knows the great enthusiasms,  
the great devotions, and spends himself  
in a worthy cause; who, if he wins,  
knows the triumph of high achievement;  
and who, if he fails, at least fails while  
daring greatly, so that his place shall  
never be with those cold and timid  
souls who know neither victory nor defeat."  
Theodore Roosevelt

## Matthew 19:14

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

## Meaning of True Love

It is sharing and caring,  
Giving and forgiving,  
Loving and being loved,  
Walking hand in hand,  
Talking heart to heart,  
Seeing through each other's eyes,  
Laughing together,  
Weeping together,  
Praying together,  
And always trusting  
And believing  
And thanking God  
For each other...  
For love that is shared  
Is a beautiful thing –  
It enriches the soul  
And makes the heart sing!  
~ Helen Steiner Rice

## Memorare

Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known that anyone who fled to Thy protection, implored Thy help, and sought Thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto Thee, O Virgin of virgins, My Mother! To Thee I come; before Thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. Oh Mother of the Word incarnate! Despise not my petitions, but, in Thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen

## Miss Me...But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road  
and the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room.  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little, but not too long and  
not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared;  
Miss me, but let me go.  
For this is a journey that we all must take,  
and each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the Master's plan;  
a step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
go to the friends we know  
and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.  
Miss, Me, But Let Me Go.

## Mother's Farewell to her Children

When I must leave you for a little while,  
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;  
And for my sake and in my name

Live on and do all things the same,  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,  
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

## My Daily Prayer

Heavenly Father, walk with me today, and grant that I may hear your footsteps and gladly follow where they lead. Talk with me today and grant that I may hear your tender voice, and quicken to its counsel. Stay with me today, and grant that I may feel Your gentle presence in all I do, say and think. Be my strength when I weaken, my courage when I fear. Help me to know that it is Your hand holding mine through all the hours of the day and when night falls, grant that I may know I rest in Your Sacred Heart.



## My Dear Mother

God created Mothers and daughters,  
and bound them together for life.  
From the days of my youth,  
looking up at you standing oh so tall,  
you were my refuge from life's storms.  
You were my anchor holding me steady  
against life's raging storms.  
Always showering me with your  
love and understanding,  
your greatest gift to me.  
Your warmth and compassion,  
filled my heart and soul,  
allowing me to proceed in life with  
self-confidence and inner security.  
Even today, you still stand oh so tall.  
When I think of your gentle manner and  
unwavering love for family and all mankind,  
my heart swells with gratitude.



Praise be to God,  
for his wonderful creations;  
creating Mothers and daughters  
like you and I.

### **My Mother's Rosary**

Your beads I found, dear mother mine,  
In the cushion of the chair,  
You must have been just saying them  
The last time you sat there –  
The beads are old and shiny now,  
The cross shines, lovely, too –  
How happy were these beads of love  
With each caress from you.  
Your life was like a rosary, Mom  
Each day lived like a prayer,  
The sorrowful and the glorious  
And the joyful we all shared –  
So as we travel on the through life  
Send God's blessing down to guide us,  
We'll be faithful to our rosary  
As a family chain that binds us.

### **My Way**

And now, the end is near;  
And so I face the final curtain.  
My friend, I'll say it clear,  
I'll state my case, of which I'm certain  
I've lived a life that's full.  
I've traveled each and every highway;  
And more, much more than this,  
I did it my way.

### **Native American Prayer**

I give you this one thought to keep-  
I am with you still – I do not sleep,  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle Autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight,  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not think of me as gone –  
I am with you still in each new dawn.

### **Novena Rose Prayer**

O Little Theresa of the child Jesus, please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me as a message of love. O Little Flower of Jesus, ask God today to grant the favors I now place with confidence in your hands...  
St. Theresa, help me to always

believe as you did, in God's great  
love for me, so that I might  
imitate your "Little Way" each day.  
-Amen.

### **O Gentlest Heart**

O GENTLEST Heart of Jesus ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou O Merciful Savior send Thy angles to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light and peace. ~ Amen

### **O Take My Hand, Dear Father**

O take my hand, dear Father, and lead Thou me,  
Till at my journey's ending I dwell with Thee.  
Alone I cannot wander one single day,  
So do Thou guide my footsteps on life's rough way.  
O cover with Thy mercy my poor, weak heart,  
Lest I in joy or sorrow from Thee depart.  
Permit Thy child to linger here at Thy feet,  
Thy goodness blindly trusting with faith complete.  
Though oft Thy power but faintly may stir my soul,  
With Thee, my Light in darkness, I reach the goal.  
Take then my hand, dear Father, and lead Thou me,  
Till at my journey's ending I dwell with Thee.



### **Old Irish Blessing**

May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
And rains fall soft upon your fields...  
And until we meet again..

### **On Eagle's Wings**

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.



## On Joy and Sorrow

Your joy is your sorrow unmasked.  
And the selfsame well from which  
your laughter rises was oftentimes  
filled with your tears.  
And how else can it be?  
The deeper that sorrow carves into  
your being, the more joy can contain.  
Is not the cup that holds your wine the very  
cup that was burned in the potter's oven?  
And is not the lute that soothes your spirit,  
the very wood that was hollowed with knives?  
When you are joyous, look deep into your heart  
and you shall find it is only that which has  
given you sorrow that is giving you joy.  
When you are sorrowful look again in your heart,  
and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for  
that which has been your delight.  
From the book "The Prophet"  
Author, Kahlil Gibran

## Peace My Heart

Peace, my heart, let the time for the parting be  
sweet. Let it not be a death but completeness.  
Let love melt into memory and pain into songs.  
Let the flight through the sky end in the folding of  
the wings over the nest. Let the last touch of your  
hands be gentle like the flower of the night.  
Stand still, O Beautiful End, for a moment, and say  
your last words in silence.  
I bow to you and hold up my lamp to light you on  
your way.

## Peaceful Retreat

Down a narrow hidden path  
Sought out by Wisdom's eye  
A peaceful place of refuge calls  
To come rest awhile beside  
Listen to the waters  
Falling over mountains steep  
To gently flow for endless days  
Through eternity's retreat  
And on the far horizon

Of the never setting sun  
The harvest of the whitened wheat  
Is very nearly done  
As work on earth comes to a close  
Peace will be complete  
Surrounded by the beauty  
Of eternity's retreat.

## Philippians 4:13

I can do everything through Him who gives me  
strength.

## Poem to Christ Crucified

There He hangs – pale figure pinned  
against the wood.  
God grant that I could love Him as  
I really know I should.  
I draw a little closer to share that  
love Divine and almost hear Him whisper,  
"Ah Foolish Child of Mine!  
If I Should Now Embrace You,  
My Hands Would Stain You Red.  
And If I Leaned To Whisper The  
Thorns Would Pierce Your Head."  
And then I knew in silence that,  
Love demands a price  
'Twas then I learned that suffering  
is but the kiss of Christ.

## Prayer of St. Francis

Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me show love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith.  
Where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is darkness, light.  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not  
so much seek to be consoled as to console:  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are  
born to eternal life.

## Prayer to St. Jude

St. JUDE, glorious Apostle, faithful servant and  
friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor has caused  
you to be forgotten by many, but the true Church  
invokes you universally as the Patron of things  
despaired of; pray for me, who am so

miserable; pray for me, that finally I may receive the consolations and the succor of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (here make your request), and that I may bless God with the Elect throughout Eternity. - Amen  
St. Jude, Apostle, martyr and relative of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Mary and of Joseph, intercede for us.

### Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
from whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from the Lord,  
which made heaven and earth.  
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:  
he that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall  
neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy  
shade upon thy right hand.  
The sun shall not smite thee by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:  
he shall preserve thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out  
and thy coming in from this time forth,  
and even for evermore.

### Psalm 37:5

Commit thy way unto the Lord;  
Trust also in Him;  
And He shall bring it to pass.

### Psalm XXIV

The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness  
thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and  
established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend  
into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his  
holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who  
hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn  
deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the  
Lord, and righteousness for the God of his salvation.

### Remember

Remember those who we love remain with us,  
In the whisper of the wind,  
The soft rain that falls from Heaven,  
In every sunrise, in every star that shines  
In the night sky  
And in every memory we hold within our hearts.

### Remember Me

To the living, I am gone,  
To the sorrowful,  
I will never  
return,  
To the angry, I  
was cheated,  
But to the happy,  
I am at peace,  
And to the  
faithful, I have  
never left.  
I cannot speak,  
but I can listen.  
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.  
So as you stand upon a shore gazing  
at a beautiful sea-  
As you look upon a flower and admire  
its simplicity-  
Remember me.  
Remember me in your heart:  
Your thoughts, and your memories,  
Of the times we loved,  
The times we cried,  
The times we fought,  
The times we laughed.  
For if you always think of me,  
I will never have gone.



### Resurrection Prayer

Most merciful Father, we commend our departed  
into your hands. We are filled with the sure hope  
that our departed will rise again on the Last Day  
with all who have died in Christ. We thank you for  
all the good things you have given during our  
departed's earthly life. O Father, in your great  
mercy, accept our prayer that the Gates of Paradise  
may be opened for your servant. In our turn, may  
we too be comforted by the words of faith until we  
greet Christ in glory and are united with you and  
our departed. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### Revelation 21:4

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes:  
And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow,  
nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain:  
for the former things are passed away.

### Romans 8:38, 39

"For I am convinced, that neither death, nor life  
Not angels or principalities, or powers,  
Not things present or things to come,  
Not height, not depth,

Not any other creature, shall be able to  
Separate us from the love of God,  
Which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
In all these things we are more than conquerors  
Through Him that loves us.”  
Romans 8:38,39

### Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;  
Oh, so happy and so bright!  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.  
All the pain and grief is over,  
Every restless tossing passed;  
I am now at peace forever,  
Safely home in Heaven at last.  
Did you wonder why I so calmly  
Trod the valley of the shade?  
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined  
Every dark and fearful glade.  
And He came Himself to meet me  
In that way so hard to tread:  
And with Jesus' arm to lean on  
Could I have one doubt or dread?  
Then you must not grieve so sorely,  
For I love you dearly still:  
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,  
Pray to trust our Father's Will.  
There is work still waiting for you,  
So you must not idly stand:  
Do it now, while life remaineth -  
You shall rest in Jesus' land.  
When that work is all completed,  
He will gently call you Home:  
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,  
Oh, the joy to see you come!

### Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I  
cannot change, the courage to change the things I  
can and the wisdom to know the difference.

### Sheaf of Wheat

The seeds of faith are sown in the human  
personality and grow into the mature faith of the  
Christian man or woman. The sown seed must lose  
its life in order that it may develop and grow and  
multiply. . . .So, symbolically, a sheaf of wheat is  
used by Christians to mark the passing of a fellow  
Christian. Death is not the end but the beginning of  
life eternal. The mature grain in the sheaf is the  
direct symbol of the Resurrection . . The life beyond  
the grave, the fulfillment of the Promises of Jesus  
Christ.



### Soldier's Prayer

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly  
to obey. I asked for health, that I might do  
greater things, I was given infirmity, that I might do  
better things....I asked for riches, that I might be  
happy, I was given poverty, that I might be wise....  
I asked for power, that I might have the praise  
of men, I was given weakness, that I might feel the  
the need of God....I asked for all things, that I might  
enjoy life, I was given life, that I might enjoy all  
things....I got nothing that I asked for – but  
everything that I had hoped for, almost despite  
myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.  
I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

### Spanish Bienaventurados

Bienaventurados los que sufren  
Porgue ellos seran consolados.  
San Meto V-5 Jesus ten piedad del alma de  
O Piadoso Corazon de Jesus,  
siempre presente en el Sagrado  
Sacramento, siempre lleno de  
amor ardiente hacia las pobres  
alma cautivas en el Purgatorio,  
ten piedad del alma de tu siervo,  
que ha fallecido. No seas muy  
severo al juzgarle, mas deja que  
alqunas gotas de tu Preciosa  
Sangre caigan sobre las llamas  
devoradoras y envia tus Angeles,  
Oh Salvador Misericordioso, para  
que lo conduzcan a un lugar de  
descanso y paz eternal



## Spring Garden

So when I looked at those flowers,  
I was looking at God For they bloomed in His sun  
and grew in His sod and each lovely flower was a  
“voice from above” that whispered a message of  
Kindness and Love for I feel in my heart, and I know  
you do, too, that God speaks to us all through the  
kind things we do And when I looked at those  
flowers I couldn't help but feel that they brought  
heaven nearer and made God so real.

## St. Francis Peace Prayer

Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine master, grant that I may not  
So much seek to be consoled, as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

## St. John Newman

May He support us all the day long, till the shades  
lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy  
world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our  
work is done. Then in His mercy may He give us a  
safe lodging and a Holy rest and peace at  
last. – Cardinal Newman



## St. Matthew 5:14-15

Ye are the light of the world.  
A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.  
Neither do men light a candle,  
and put it under a bushel,  
but on a candlestick:  
and it giveth light unto all that are in house.

## Stars and Stripes

The Stars and Stripes, they flew forever  
always in his heart.  
He was loyal to his nation  
and bravely did his part.  
Always thinking of his brother  
ever in his mind,  
He stood for love of country  
and most of all, mankind.  
Now gazing down with his Master  
through a light and heavenly cloud,  
He's still looking out for all of us  
of whom he is so proud.

## Success – Ralph Waldo Emerson

To laugh often and much  
To win the respect of intelligent people and the  
affection of children,  
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and  
endure the betrayal of false friends,  
To appreciate beauty,  
To find the best in others,  
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a  
healthy child, a garden patch,  
or a redeemed social condition,  
To know even one life has breathed easier because  
you have lived  
This is to have succeeded.

## Taps

Day is done, gone the sun  
from the lake, from the hill,  
from the sky.  
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.  
Thanks and praise for our days  
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars,  
'neath the sky.  
As we go, this we know.  
God is nigh.

## Ties that Bind

How blessed is the tie that binds  
Our hearts in lasting love,  
The comradeship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.  
So when at last we have to part  
In sorrow and in pain,  
We know we still are joined in heart  
Until we meet again.

## To Those I Love

When I am gone, release me, let me go. I have so  
many things to see and do. You mustn't tie yourself  
to me with tears,

Be happy that we had so many years. I gave you my love, you can only guess How much you gave to me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown, But now it's time I traveled on alone. So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must, Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a little while that we must part. So bless the memories within your heart. I won't be far away, for life goes on. So if you need me, call and I will come. Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near. And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear All of my love around you soft and clear. And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and "welcome home."

### Treasured Seasons

For everything there is  
an appointed season,  
And a time for everything  
under heaven-  
A time for sowing,  
a time for reaping;  
A time for sharing,  
a time for caring.  
A time for loving,  
a time for giving;  
A time for remembering,  
a time for parting.  
You have made everything  
beautiful in its time  
For everything You do  
remains forever.

### Trees

I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree.  
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the sweet earth's flowing breast;  
A tree that looks at God all day,  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;  
A tree that may in summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;  
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;  
Who intimately lives with rain.  
Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.  
Joyce Kilmer

### Twenty Third Psalm (Spanish)

Jehová es mi pastor; nada me faltará. En lugares de delicados pastos me hará descansar; junto a aguas de reposo me pastoreará. Confortará mi alma; me guiará por sendas de justicia por amor de su nombre. Aunque ande en valle de sombra de

muerte, no temeré mal alguno, por que tú estarás conmigo; tu vara y tu cayado me infundirán aliento. Aderezas mesa delante de mí en presencia de mis angustiadores: unges mi cabeza con aceite; mi copa está rebosando. Ciertamente el bien y la misericordia me seguirán todos los días de mi vida, y en la casa de Jehová moraré por largos días.



### Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters:  
He restoreth my soul:  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for His name's sake ...  
Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
Thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over ...  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life:  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever ...

### Two Smiling Eyes

Two smiling eyes are sleeping,  
two busy hands are still. The  
one we love so deeply is resting  
at God's will. May she always  
walk in sunshine, God's love  
around her glow. For all the  
happiness she gave us, only a  
few will ever know. It broke our  
hearts to lose her but she did  
not go alone. For part of us went  
with her the day God called her home.

### We Commend Our Departed

Most merciful Father, we commend our departed  
into your hands. We are filled with the sure hope



that our departed will rise again on the Last Day with all who have died in Christ. We thank you for all the good things you have given during our departed's earthly life.

O Father, in your great mercy, accept our prayers that the Gates of Paradise may be opened for your servant. In our turn, may we too be comforted by the words of faith until we greet Christ in glory and are united with you and our departed. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



### **We Never Walk Alone**

The time comes when those  
whom we have loved  
the longest and the best  
will travel far ahead  
into a place of joy and rest...  
And we must walk a lonely path  
through shadows for a while  
without a certain kindred voice,  
a dear, familiar smile--  
Yet each day brings us nearer  
to horizons yet unknown  
and even when they way is dark,  
we never walk alone,  
For memories travel with us  
toward the happy destination  
where we will join our loved ones  
in eternal celebration.

### **We Remember**

Remember...remember those who we love remain  
with us, in the whisper of the wind,  
The soft rain that falls from Heaven,  
In every sunrise, in every star that shines  
In the night sky and in every memory we hold  
within our hearts.

### **We'll Always Remember**

That special smile  
That caring heart  
That warm embrace  
You always gave us.  
We'll always remember  
You being there.  
For dad(mom) and us.  
Through good and bad times  
No matter what.  
We'll always remember  
You dad (mom) because  
There'll never be any one  
To replace you in our hearts.  
And the love we will always have for you.

### **When I Must Leave You**

Please do not grieve and shed wild tears  
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,  
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;  
And for my sake and in my name  
Live on and do all things the same.  
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,  
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,  
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;  
And never, never be afraid to die,  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!  
~ Helen Steiner Rice



## When I'm Gone

When I'm gone, remember I'm with Jesus.  
Do not grieve because I've passed away.  
Life holds so many grief's and disappointments,  
And will you weep because I did not stay?  
Tis only for a spell we must be parted.  
Not many years on earth to us are given,  
And when my Saviour tells me you are coming  
I'll go with Him and welcome you to heaven.  
Weep not because I walk no longer with you.  
Remember I am walking streets of gold.  
Weep for yourselves that you awhile must tarry  
Before the blessed Lord you may behold.  
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## With the Spirit

With the Spirit of the Righteous made  
perfect, give rest to the soul of Thy servant,  
O Savior, preserving it in the blessed life,  
with Thee, who loved mankind.  
In the place of Thy rest, O Lord, where all of Thy  
saints repose, give rest also to the soul of Thy  
servant for Thou alone are immortal  
May Christ, Our Immortal King and our God,  
grant to the soul of the departed, the  
Kingdom of heaven and the remission of sins  
Memory Eternal!

## You Can Shed a Tear

You can shed a tear that he is gone  
Or you can smile because he has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray he'll come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all he's left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him  
Or you can be full of the love you shared.  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live  
yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of  
yesterday.  
You can remember him and only that he's gone  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind, be empty  
and turn your back  
Or you can do what he'd want:  
Open your yes, smile, love, and go on.







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